



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 26, 2004

ITEM NUMBER: 10e

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SEVEN PARKWAY TREES ON FAIRVIEW RD.

DATE: MAY 21, 2004

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: WILLIAM J. MORRIS, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the removal of seven (7) trees on the west side of Fairview Rd., between Fair Dr. and Wilson St., and replacement with seven (7) twenty four inch (24") box trees in larger tree wells.

BACKGROUND

At the April 5, 2004 meeting, City Council awarded a contract to rehabilitate the driving surface on southbound Fairview Rd., between Fair Dr. and Wilson St. At that time, Council directed staff to explore the possibility of repairing sidewalk in this area, which has been damaged by parkway tree roots.

At the May 17, 2004 meeting, City Council authorized additional funds for the removal of trees and repair of the sidewalk on the west side of Fairview Rd., south of Fair Dr., and directed staff to bring before the Parks and Recreation Commission consideration of removal of the offending trees.

ANALYSIS

Staff has surveyed the sidewalk on the west side of Fairview Rd., between Fair Dr. and Wilson St., and has found that a total of seven (7) trees would need to be removed in order to repair the sidewalk. These trees are shown in Attachment 1, along with pertinent information on each tree proposed for removal.

If removal of the seven trees is approved, staff recommends replacement on a one-for-one basis, using 24"-box Crape Myrtle trees as the replacement (Attachment 2). The replacement trees are requested by Council to be other than the "white flowering" variety. Staff does not recommend implementing the normal three-to-one replacement standard in this case, as the existing parkway area does not have sufficient room for additional trees. If a 3 to 1 requirement was imposed on this project, any "extra" trees would have to be planted in other parkways or in the parks, and staff does this on an ongoing basis regardless.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Commission could approve the removal, with a requirement for replacement at a 3 to 1 ratio\.

The Commission could deny the request for removal of trees on Fairview Rd. However, it would be difficult to repair the sidewalk in this area as directed by the City Council.

FISCAL REVIEW

The City Council has authorized an additional \$27,000 for the removal and replacement of damaged sidewalk and trees on the west side of Fairview Rd., between Fair Dr. and Wilson St. These funds are sufficient to remove and replace the seven trees.

LEGAL REVIEW

A legal review is not required on this item.

CONCLUSION

City Council has requested that the Park and Recreation Commission consider the removal of seven (7) existing parkway trees on the west side of Fairview Rd., between Fair Dr. and Wilson St., in order to replace damaged sidewalks due to root intrusion. Staff recommends removal and replacement on a one-to-one basis, with the replacement trees being 24"-box size.

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Attachments: 1. [Trees Proposed for Removal \(7\)](#)
 2. [Proposed Replacement Tree \(Crepe Myrtle\)](#)

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